

NOVEMBER 3,
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Third Grade News

DATES TO REMEMBER

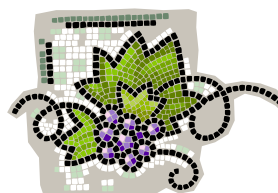
- 11th—
Veteran's
Day
- 13th—
Mobile Den-
tal Lab is
here
- 18th—
Ident-A-Kid
- 19th—
PTO Meeting
- 20th —Art
Fundraiser
Packets Due
- 23rd—Make
up picture
day and
group photos
- 25th—
Early Release
- 26th&27th
—Thanksgiv-
ing Break

Great Things to Come...

Social Studies:

Your 3rd Grader will be learning about ancient Greece, Rome, and the Empire of Mali. These **ancient civilizations** contributed greatly to our current ways of life.

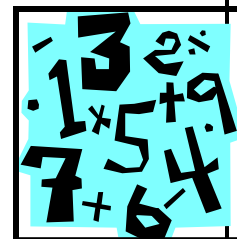
We look forward to having our annual **Greece & Rome Day** in December! This is a fun-filled day packed with games, activities, and food that is directly related to what we've learned about Greece and Rome.

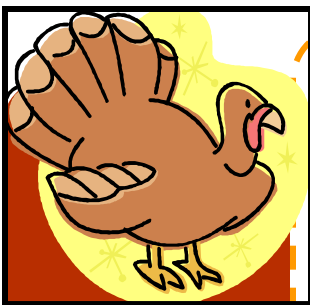


Multiplication is coming!

How well does your child know their addition facts? We are building on their knowledge of these facts to explore counting by each number 0-9's. This is the first step of learning their multiples. Start doing nightly review with your child on counting by 2's, 3's, etc... until they are confident enough to start their multiplication facts.

We will be using our Rhymes & Times program to help all students learning abilities. This multiplication method uses visual, auditory, and kinesthetic strategies to help every child remember their math facts. The classes love learning the rhymes so make sure to ask your child as often as possible to recite some for you.





Volunteer to come review multiplication facts with your class! Even 20 minutes is a huge help!

Parent Tip:

Check out the HJB website for the endless review games and activities for all of our 3rd grade units.

www.wcps.k12.va.us/hjb

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Language Arts

SOL 3.5 states that third graders should understand the basic plots of myths, fables, trickster, and pourquoi tales. While reading to and with your child at home, try to focus on some of these:

Myths—Traditional stories that explain people's views, practices, beliefs,

or natural phenomenon. Examples: stories of the Greek gods and goddesses.

Fables—Stories that are usually short and teach a lesson or moral.

Example: Tortoise and the Hare

Trickster Tales: Stories in which one character tries to trick another

but gets tricked by his own tricks.

Example: Anansi stories

Pourquoi: Stories that tell how or why something has come to be. (usually in nature)

Example: Why Mosquito's Buzz in People's Ears (our reading series book)

REMINDERS:

- Please put your child's name inside of their jackets. There is a lot of confusion with ones that are taken by mistake.
- Check the HJB folder EVERY night! Clear out any graded papers or reminders. New HJB folders can be purchased for \$1.00 in the office if it is lost or damaged.
- Don't forget to call the school if your child is going to be absent. A note the following day is sufficient. Some form of notification is required!
- Put up visual reminders in your home so your child does not walk out that door without all of the things they'll need that day! (backpack, coat, lunch, notes, HOMEWORK)

English:

For this nine weeks we will be focusing on the following objectives:

Irregular Plurals (ex: mice, women, deer, children, fish)

Homophones: there, their, they're, to, two, too, pair, pear, pare, hair, hare, tail, tale, etc.

Abbreviations: Mister= Mr. , Street= St. , Doctor= Dr.

As well as...

The days of the week:

Sunday = Sun. Monday = Mon.

Tuesday = Tues.

Wednesday = Wed.

Thursday = Thurs.

Friday= Fri.

Saturday = Sat.

Months of the year:

January = Jan. February = Feb.

March = Mar. April = Apr.

May = May June = June

July = July August = Aug.

September = Sept.

October = Oct.

November = Nov.

December = Dec.